

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 248, expressing the sense of the Congress that public schools may display the words "God Bless America" as an expression of support for the Nation.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10745–S10778

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1552–1558, and S. Con. Res. 79. **Page S10769**

Foreign Operations Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. **Pages S10747–65**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Wednesday, October 17, 2001, with a vote on a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill to occur at 11 a.m. **Pages S10776–77**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Linton F. Brooks, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration. (New Position)

William Winkenwerder, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

8 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Page S10778**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

R. David Paulison, of Florida, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Conrad Lautenbacher, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Constance Berry Newman, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Christopher Bancroft Burnham, of Connecticut, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of State.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Foreign Service.

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Measures Referred: **Page S10768**

Measures Read First Time: **Pages S10768, S10776**

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Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:46 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, October 17, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10777.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DOD AMMUNITION SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded closed hearings to examine the security of the Department of Defense ammunition shipments, after receiving testimony from Diane K. Morales, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness; Gen. John G. Coburn, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command; Lt. Gen.

Daniel G. Brown, USAF, Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Transportation Command; Maj. Gen. Kenneth L. Privratsky, USA, Commander, Military Traffic Management Command; and Gregory D. Kutz, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, and John Ryan, Assistant Director, Office of Special Investigations, both of the General Accounting Office.

SUPERIOR BANK, HINSDALE, ILLINOIS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the failure and implications of Superior Bank, FSB, Hinsdale, Illinois, focusing on the need for continued regulatory vigilance, more stringent accounting, and capital standards for retained assets, after receiving testimony from Ellen Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury; John Reich, Director, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Bert Ely, Ely and Company, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; George G. Kaufman, Loyola University School of Business Administration, Chicago, Illinois; and Karen Shaw Petrou, Federal Financial Analytics, Inc., Washington, D.C.

E-911 COMPLIANCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications concluded oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act (P.L. 106-81) and the integration of emergency-911 technologies, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Sugrue, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Michael Amarosa, TruePosition, Inc., New York, New York; Jenny Hansen, Montana State E 9-1-1 Program, Helena; John Melcher, National Emergency Number Association, Houston, Texas; Brett Sewell, SnapTrack, Inc., Campbell, California; and Thomas E. Wheeler, Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association, Washington, D.C.

FEMA ATTACK RESPONSE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to review the Federal Emergency Management Agency's response to the September 11, 2001 attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center in coordinating the rescue and recovery effort, and the continuing efforts at both locations to coordinate federal relief efforts and to administer federal assistance programs, after receiving testimony from Joe M. Allbaugh, Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); Edward P. Plaugher, Arlington County Fire Department, Arlington, Virginia; Jeffrey L. Metzinger, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Sacramento, California, on behalf of FEMA's California Task Force 7; and

Robert Hessinger and Michael Kenney, both of FEMA's Ohio Task Force One, Kettering.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1379, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an Office of Rare Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 727, to provide grants for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training in public schools;

H.R. 717, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research and services with respect to Duchenne muscular dystrophy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original bill to provide assistance with respect to the mental health needs of individuals affected by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and

The nomination of Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Youth Violence held hearings to examine the defense of America's surface transportation infrastructure, focusing on analysis to evaluate terrorist threats and increased security measures for public transportation, receiving testimony from Mike Parker, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Brian M. Jenkins, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California; Donald E. Brown, University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Science, Charlottesville; Jeffrey K. Beatty, Total Security Services, International, Marietta, Georgia; and Tony Chrestman, Ruan Transportation Management Systems, Des Moines, Iowa.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Small Business: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Thomas M. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Hector V. Barreto, Administrator, Small Business Administration, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

CARE FOR VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs' Fourth Mission, which is to preserve the VA's ability to accept military casualties while continuing to care for veterans, servicemembers, and the public

following conflicts and crises, after receiving testimony from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Fran Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; Claude A. Allen, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services;

David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; and Bruce P. Baughman, Director, Planning and Readiness Division, Readiness, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3129–3148; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 250, and H. Res. 266 were introduced. **Pages H6918–19**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1408, to safeguard the public from fraud in the financial services industry, to streamline and facilitate the antifraud information-sharing efforts of Federal and State regulators, amended (H. Rept. 107–192, Pt. 2);

H.R. 1552, to extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act through 2006, amended (H. Rept. 107–240);

H.R. 2716, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise, improve, and consolidate provisions of law providing benefits and services for homeless veterans, amended (H. Rept. 107–241, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2792, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make service dogs available to disabled veterans and to make various other improvements in health care benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, amended (H. Rept. 107–242);

H.R. 2481, to improve maritime safety and the quality of life for Coast Guard personnel, amended (H. Rept. 107–243);

H.R. 3008, to reauthorize the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 (H. Rept. 107–244);

H.R. 3010, to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to extend the Generalized System of Preferences until December 31, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–245);

Conference report on H.R. Conference report on H.R. 2904, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–246);

H. Res. 267, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2217, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–247); and

H. Res. 268, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2904, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–248). **Page H6918**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kirk to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6783**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, His Eminence, Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington. **Page H6789**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:12 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6789**

Private Calendar: Agreed to dispense with the call of the Private Calendar business of Tuesday, Oct. 16. **Page H6789**

Late Report—Military Construction Conference Report: The conferees received permission to have until midnight to file a conference report on H.R. 2904, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. **Pages H6789–90, H6831–72**

National Council on the Arts: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Ballenger and McKeon to the National Council on the Arts. **Page H6790**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

God Bless America: H. Con. Res. 248, expressing the sense of the Congress that public schools may display the words "God Bless America" as an expression of support for the Nation (agreed to by a yeand-nay vote of 404 yeas with 10 voting "present", Roll No. 387); **Pages H6790–92, H6872**

Tribute to the United States-Australia Relationship and Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the ANZUS Treaty: H. Con. Res. 217, amended, recognizing the historic significance of the fiftieth anniversary of the alliance between Australia and the